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Dear Sir:-

Re: Willie Easton's corroboration of
his mother as to her second trip
into De Russey's lane, etc.

I interviewed Leslie P. Johnson of 67 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, N. J. at his place of business at the International plant in New Brunswick. Mr. Johnson informed me that on the Monday evening following the publishing in the newspapers of Mrs. Gibson's story that she had been a witness to the murder on the Phillips farm, Willie Easton came to his place to collect the swill and garbage for their pigs, and he remarked in substance that he was a fine sort of a son, a great big fellow like him to permit his mother to go out on the lane on a dark night along when a murder was taking place. Easton then replied that it was news to him that his mother knew anything about the affair; that the first he ever heard of it was when he saw it in the newspapers and the newspaper men came flocking out there for information. Mr. Johnson on the following night again opened the same subject with Willie Easton, and Easton in substance repeated the same story as he had on the previous night. On this occasion, it was not only in the presence of Mr. Johnson, but of Lloyd Brown, who is employed as a title searcher by Attorney George Morrison of New Brunswick, and also Robert Carlson, Principal of the New Brunswick High School. Mr. Johnson also informed me that he thought I would probably be able to get some information from Mr. John W. Hamilton, the cashier at the International plant. Hamilton is away on his vacation and will be back on Monday of next week. He also told me of an incident wherein Jesse Davis, an auctioneer, had been approached by Mrs. Gibson with a proposition that he lay out her farm into building lots, and sell off the lots at auction for her. She represented to him that the property was free and clear, but before going into the matter deeply, Davis made some inquiry and found that there were mortgages against the property, and that Mrs. Gibson could not give a clear title.

Respectfully yours,

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David Thompson